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SUBJECT: ROK OPPOSES BELARUS, SUPPORTS SLOVENIA FOR UNHRC

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(C) On May 2, poloff delivered reftel points, urging capitals to oppose Belarus and support Slovenia in their bids for the two open seats on the Eastern European slate for the UNHRC, to Jang Hyun-cheol, Deputy Director of MOFAT's Human Rights and Social Affairs Division. Jang said that Seoul intended to support Slovenia. Seoul would not vote for Belarus even if there were no alternative candidate, due to its human rights violations. The ROKG hoped that a third country would run so that its candidacy could be considered.

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